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SUBJECT: US STANCE ASSISTANCE

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1. ON AID WE AGREE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT IS HIGHEST PRIORITY
AND HAS HIGHLY INNOVATIVE BHN CHARACTERISTICS. HEALTH
LOAN WOULD CLEARLY BE BHN BUT PLANNING IS SUBJECT TO
MINISTERIAL POLICY CHANGES; IT IS NOT YET AUTHORIZED; THERE
ARE PROBLEMS OF ACCOUNT ALLOCATION THIS LATE IN FISCAL YEAR,
15 DAY CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION WOULD BE REQUIRED. THUS
WE WOULD SEE RURAL ROADS AS SECOND PRIORITY. IT IS ALSO
CLEARLY BHN ALTHOUGH NOT AS INNOVATIVE AS VILLAGE DEVELOP-
MENT; IT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED. WE DO NOT INTEND TO GO FOR-
WARD WITH ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS UNTIL WE REVIEW THE SITU-
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ATION FURTHER.

2. ON FMS WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO HOLD BOLIVIA ALLOCATION IN
FY-79 PROGRAM IN FACE OF 20 PERCENT CUT WORLDWIDE BEING
CONSIDERED IN CONGRESS AND AGAINST AMENDMENT TO REMOVE OR
REDUCE BOLIVIA EXPLICITLY. WE HAVE JUST BEGUN BUDGET
PROCESS FOR FY 80 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. ARA WILL

BE PROPOSING AN OPTION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE DOLLARS 14
MILLION CUT IN FY 78 IN FY 80, I.E., AFTER AN ELECTION,
POINTING OUT THAT ONLY SUCH FORWARD PLANNING WOULD PROVIDE
US WITH CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO GOB SHOULD IT DO RIGHT
THINGS IN THE FUTURE. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF
HOW ARA PROPOSAL MAY FARE AFTER DEPARTMENT SUBMITS ITS
BUDGET PROPOSAL TO OMB IN LATE SEPTEMBER. CONTINUATION
WITH ANY PART OF FY-78 PROGRAM NOW WOULD SUGGEST WE
WOULD PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF EVENTS IN
BOLIVIA AND THUS UNDERCUT OUR CREDIBILITY WHICH IS
ESSENTIAL TO HOLD FUTURE YEAR PROGRAMS. WE TOO WOULD
REGRET INABILITY FINANCE HOSPITAL--ON WHICH WE HAD
INFORMAL AGREEMENT MORE FAVORABLE FMS TERMS BEFORE EVENTS.
ARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOSPITAL AND EQUIPMENT SUCH THAT
THERE MIGHT BE AN ALTERNATIVE LENDER IF GOB ESTABLISHES
REASONABLE OVERALL POLITICAL PROGRAM? VANCE

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